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Appropriations – DDS

I thank the Appropriations co-chairs, Senators Osten and Formica and Representative Walker for the opportunity to testify today. I am here to talk about the effects of the cuts to DDS that the Governor has proposed in his budget.

My name is Shamarr Baldwin and I am a DDS worker from the Hartford Regional Center. I have worked there for the past 15 years. The care that I give is critical to my residents. It has taken a long period of time to gain their trust. One thing that I have learned over the years is that routine is everything to these individuals. Any change of routine is not welcome in their world. I have a lot of passion for my job and I take the care that I give extremely seriously. It is crucial that you do not break up the family that we establish with our residents. It is extremely important to keep the family nucleus together.

Thank you.